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SUBJ: SYG ANNOUNCES INTENT VISIT ME

1. AT UN NOON PRESS BRIEFING, UN SPOKESMAN MADE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE

THE SYG HAS INDICATED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS HE IS
PREPARED TO VISIT THE ME WHEN HE CONSIDERS SUCH A VISIT
USEFUL AND HELPFUL.

THE SYG HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT THE AREA AND INTENDS
TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION. THE DATE FOR THE TRIP WILL BE
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DECIDED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS. UNQUOTE

2. AFTER ABOVE ANNOUNCEMENT, FOLLOWING EXCHANGES BETWEEN PRESS AND SPOKESMAN TOOK PLACE:

IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INVITATION WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF EGYPT, ISRAEL, AND JORDAN AND AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE TRIP WAS AGREED ON. HE SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO GO INTO WHICH OF THE GOVERNMENTS EXTENDED THE INVITATION. HE COULD ONLY SAY THAT THE INVITATION WAS DISCUSSED WITH THESE THREE GOVERNMENTS.

HE WAS ASKED IF IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE SC TO CALL UPON HIM TO GO TO THE ME. HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT THINK THAT THERE IS ANY NECESSITY FOR AN SC RES SPECIFICALLY CALLING UPON THE SYG TO GO TO THE ME. THE SYG HAS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER EXISTING RESES. HE REMINDED THE CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE FIRST TIME THE SYG MET WITH THEM, AFTER HIS ELECTION AS SYG, THE SYG INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE HIS POLICY TO VISIT AREAS OF TENSION IN WHICH THE UN WAS INVOLVED. HE HAS BEEN TO CYPRUS. HE HAS BEEN TO THE SUBCONTINENT AND NOW HE IS GOING TO THE ME.

ASKED IF THE SC MEETING WOULD BE POSTPONED IN VIEW OF SYG'S TRIP TO ME, POWELL SAID HE HAS NO INDICATION ABOUT THE SC. POWELL TALKED TO THE UK PRESS OFFICER THIS MORNING AT 11 AM, WHO SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, THE STATEMENT WHICH WAS GIVEN OUT ON THE 10TH OF JULY STILL STOOD, THAT THERE WOULD BE A POSTPONEMENT OF A FEW DAYS FROM THE 16TH OF JULY.

ASKED IF THIS WOULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SYG LEAVING BEFORE THE SC RECONVENES, POWELL SAID HE WOULD NOT EXPECT THE SYG TO GO IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BECAUSE THE DATES OF THE TRIP HAVE NOT YET BEEN SETTLED AND THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THREE GOVERNMENTS.

ASKED HOW THIS AFFECTS THE SYG'S TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE, POWELL SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT AS YET ABOUT THE DATES FOR HIS TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE.

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IN REPLY TO QUERY AS TO WHETHER AMB. JARRING WOULD GO ON TRIP, POWELL SAID THE SYG HAS NOT MADE UP HIS MIND REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF HIS PARTY. AMB. JARRING'S MISSION CONTINUES AND AMB. JARRING WILL BE COMING BACK HERE FOR THE RESUMED SC CONSIDERATION OF THE ME QUESTION.

ASKED AS TO WHAT IS THE PRECISE PURPOSE OF THE SYG'S VISIT, POWELL SAID IT'S BASICALLY AN ASSESSMENT OF THE

SITUATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE
VARIOUS LEADERS.

ASKED TO CHARACTERIZE THE VISIT AS A PEACE MISSION, POWELL
SAID HE WOULD NOT QUARREL WITH THAT PHRASEOLOGY.

ASKED ABOUT VISITING OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA, I.E.,
SYRIA, POWELL SAID HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE
SYG MAY VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA, E.G., SYRIA AND
LEBANON.
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